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Live From Lincoln Center, NYC

Tune in to PBS on Monday, December 31 at 8:00pm for a live broadcast of the New York Philharmonic's annual New Year's Eve gala performance. Music Director Lorin Maazel will lead the orchestra through a program of Romantic violin showpieces featuring Joshua Bell. Hosted by celebrated soprano Renée Fleming, the program will feature works by Ravel, Saint-Saëns, Tchaikovsky and Kreisler, as well as an intermission interview with Joshua Bell.

Sag Nominations

Don't miss! Directed by Sean Penn, "Into the Wild" was nominated for performance by its overall cast, along with the Western "3:10 to Yuma," the crime sagas "American Gangster" & "No Country for Old Men" & the musical "Hairspray." Hirsch was nominated as best actor for his role as fierce idealist Christopher McCandless, a recent college graduate who abandoned a cozy life & took to the road for 2 years, coming to a tragic end in the Alaska wilderness in the 1990s. Other best-actor nominees were George Clooney as a conscience-stricken attorney in "Michael Clayton," Daniel Day-Lewis as an oil baron in "There Will Be Blood," Ryan Gosling as a social misfit with a life-size doll for a girlfriend in "Lars & the Real Girl" & Viggo Mortensen as a Russian mobster in "Eastern Promises..."

Best Authograph Signer

The 44-year-old actor is the most gracious celebrity (for the third year in a row) on Autograph magazine's annual list of the "10 Best & 10 Worst Hollywood Signers." Magazine said that Depp is " 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' on film, & Johnny & the Signing Factory in person." "Though soft-spoken & laid-back, Deep likes to talk to fans & get to know them while signing," New York autograph dealer Anthony Risi explains in the December issue, now on newsstands. "He'll sign more than one item when he has time..."

Las Vegas Mob Museum

The mob museum will stand as frank acknowledgment of the major role mobsters played in developing Las Vegas into the gambling capital of America and giving the city its rakish glamour during the 1940s and '50s.
Mayor O. Goodman, a former defencse attorney whose clients once included mobsters Meyer Lansky & Anthony "Tony the Ant" Spilotro, sais: let's be brutally honest, warts and all. This is more than legend. It's fact. This is something that differentiates us from other cities.
The project has gained the support of the FBI and is guided by a retired FBI agent. They say they are involved because you can't tell the stories of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, his banker, Lansky, casino boss Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and others without telling the story of the lawmen who pursued them.
Ellen Knowlton, who retired in 2006 as FBI agent in charge in Las Vegas and now heads the not-for-profit museum organization, said FBI officials have offered to share photographs, transcripts of wiretaps and histories of efforts to kneecap organized crime in the 1950s, '60s and '70s...

"Backstreet Boy" Got Married...

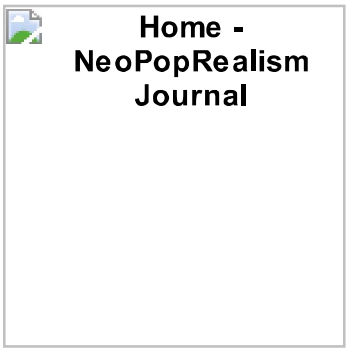
Fellow Backstreet Boys bandmates were in attendance as Dorough, 34, married Leigh Boniello at St. James Cathedral in a traditional Catholic ceremony. AttorneyJason Turner sai that the wedding took place as planned and all went well. Dorough, also known as Howie D, proposed to his girlfriend of six years last New Year's. "She wasn't expecting it,

and I was quite nervous -- more nervous about proposing to her in front of 40 family and friends than about performing in front of 40,000 people onstage," Dorough told People earlier this year.

They May Be Back Soon...

The German-born performers' long-running "Siegfried & Roy" production ended in October 2003 when Horn was critically injured on stage by a tiger. Horn told that a good magician never lets the cat out of the bag. He added that act surprised when you hear about it. The tiger sank its teeth into Horn's neck and dragged him off stage in front of a horrified audience at The Mirage, ending one of themost successful casino shows in Las Vegas history. Siegfried, 68, said retirement has had its hurdles. he said that the stage is my life. It took some adjustment. I was really not ready for it. Siegfried said he marvels at Horn's dedication to his recovery regimen, which includes daily rehabilitation and trips to a gym three times a week, including games of racquetball.
"It cheers me up," Siegfried said. "All the doctors say what he's doing now is impossible. I've always said, 'I am the magician and Roy is the magic.' And Roy shows me every day the magic -- the magic of life..." Horn, 63, gets a boost from visits to his family of animals at The Mirage, including Montecore, the white tiger that attacked him. Horn and Siegfried remain convinced that Montecore sensed Horn was having a mini-stroke and was dragging him to safety, rather than attacking him...

Maroon 5



Cardiff International Arena, 6:30pm, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ, United Kingdom.
Maroon 5 will perform December 3rd at this large, spacy venue with right wing, left wing and 'to-the-back' balcony seating... The sound quality there has always been very reasonable, lighting is good and the stage is generally visible for most of the time... Tickets available at http://www.seetickets.com/see/event.asp?e%7Cartist=MAROON+5&resultsperpage=20&filler3=radio

'The Wizard of Oz'

No dancing down the yellow brick road for Zooey Deschanel, star of Sci Fi Channel's new Emerald City adaptation, "Tin Man." No warbling "Over the Rainbow" a la Judy Garland, either. "It's postmodern, more like Indiana Jones than a fairy tale," said Deschanel, whose Dorothy -- the role immortalized by Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" - is a disaffected, motorcycle-riding waitress called DG. Based on L. Frank Baum's novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," which inspired the 1939 film classic, Sci Fi's 6-hour "Tin Man" is not a musical. It is a brooding, special effects-driven fantasy. One of the executive producers, Robert Halmi Sr. said that the book was written in 1900 and its story still lives. It's a coming-of-age story, Deschanel said of the miniseries airing December 2 through December 4. Here's DG acting out in a teenage way before she gets swept up by the storm, the actress said of her character's ride to the alternate universe of the O.Z., or Outer Zone, on the tail of a Kansas tornado. Then she's forced to grow up a little bit and find out how brave she is and how smart she is. On this journey, she becomes an adult. DG meets creatures & crises that never crossed Garland's path. Fans of the 1939 film will recognize the classic scarecrow in zipper-headed Glitch, the cowardly lion in the wolverine-human psychic, Raw, and Dorothy's little dog in the shape-shifter, Toto...

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